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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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SUBJECT: Weekly Report for August 7, 2000 - August 11, 2000

The House and Senate are in recess. The House will return on September 6; the Senate on September 5.

THE WEEK AHEAD

FISA Bill: On August 7, Department representatives from the Office of Intelligence Policy and Review (OIPR) will meet with the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence (Shelby, Chair) staff to discuss the Committee's request for a report on OIPR's FISA functions and activities. (Walter)

Drug Trafficking: On August 8, the House Judiciary Committee's Subcommittee on Crime (McCollum, Chair) will hold a field hearing at the Kansas Highway Patrol Training Academy in Salina, Kansas. The subject of the hearing is methamphetamine trafficking. DEA Special Agent in Charge Joseph J. Corcoran of the St. Louis Division is scheduled to testify. (Tanner)

Campaign Finance: On August 2, representatives from the Justice Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation met with Specter, Leahy, and Sessions staff to work out still-pending document requests and other issues. The Department will continue to work with Senate Judiciary Committee staff in responding to pending and new document requests.

Staff have indicated tentatively that Senator Specter may wait until after the election to issue a comprehensive report covering campaign finance, Peter Lee, and an update on Wen Ho Lee. A companion volume reproducing documents produced by the Department to the Committee is planned; staff indicate willingness to provide the Department with advance notice in order to make privacy redactions before publication. The Department has offered to review drafts or provide additional assistance in factual matters. Minority staff are drafting an alternative report. No new hearings are planned at this time. (Walter)

Telecom Mergers: The Department continued to work with House and Senate staff contacts on pending legislation (S. 467 and H.R. 4019), and with Commerce and the White House on

briefings for the Senate Commerce Committee (McCain, Chair) staff on the pending Hollings telecom bill. A briefing for the House Select Committee on Intelligence (Goss, Chair) is pending for later in the month. (Walter)

Legal: The Department was asked to provide follow up information arising out of the July 14 meeting with Senate Judiciary staff; a letter is being drafted by the U.S. Attorney's office for the District of Columbia. (Walter)

Judicial Review Commission on Foreign Asset Controls: A letter responding to the Commission's June 30 request for an advisory opinion on issues it has been charged by Congress with examining is in progress; the Office of Legal Counsel is taking the lead in drafting. (Walter)

THE WEEK IN REVIEW

Intelligence Authorization Bill Issues: On August 4, Department of Justice, Central Intelligence Agency, and State Department representatives briefed the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence (Goss, Chair) on the provision in the Senate intelligence authorization bill concerning treaty exceptions for lawful intelligence activities.

On August 4, Department representatives also met with Senate Select Committee on Intelligence (Shelby, Chair) staff to work through the Department's proposed revisions to this bill's leak prosecution provision. The bill could move at any time after the Senate returns from the August recess. (Walter)

Meeting with Senator Kennedy's Staff regarding Kimel: On August 3, representatives of the Office of Legal Counsel, the Civil Rights Division, and the Office of Legislative Affairs met with staff for Senator Kennedy regarding a legislative fix to Kimel v. Florida Board of Regents, in which the Supreme Court held that states under the Eleventh Amendment could not be subjected to suit by private individuals under the Age Discrimination in Employment Act. (Ho)

Fair Credit Reporting Act: During the week of July 31, representatives of the Office of the Associate Attorney General and the Office of Legislative Affairs and other representatives of the Administration met with staff for the House Banking and Financial Services Committee (Leach, Chair) and the relevant advocacy groups to discuss amendments to the Fair Credit Reporting Act that would exempt certain third party investigations from various requirements of the Act. (Ho)

Bellows Report: On July 31, Randy Bellows finished briefing the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence (Shelby, Chair) on his report. (Walter)

Religious Liberty: On July 27, both the House and Senate approved S. 2869, the "Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act of 2000." The President is expected to sign the bill. (Owen)